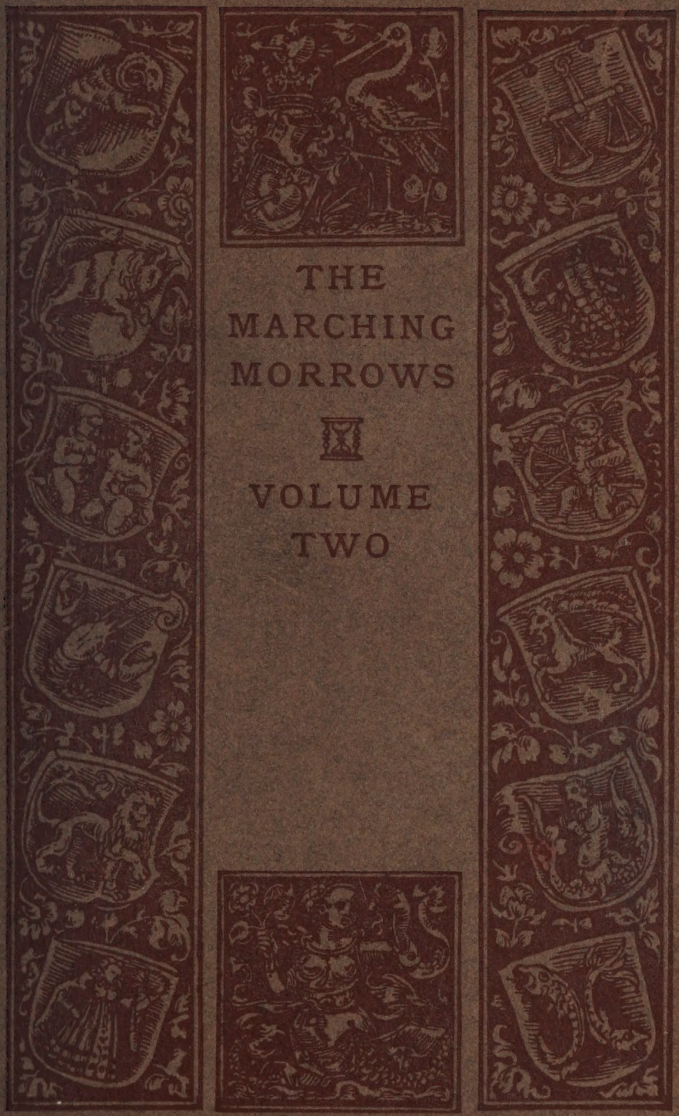

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Foreword

— WHILE THE WORLD SHALL ROLL,
TO-MORROWS FRESH SHALL RISE FROM OUT THE NIGHT,
AND NEW-BAPTIZE THE INDOMITABLE SOUL
WITH COURAGE FOR ITS NEVER-ENDING FIGHT.

NO ONE, I SAY, IS CONQUERED TILL HE YIELDS:
AND YIELD HE NEED NOT, WHILE, LIKE MIST FROM GLASS,
GOD WIPES THE STAIN FROM LIFE'S OLD BATTLE-FIELDS
FROM EVERY MORNING THAT HE BRINGS TO PASS.

NEW DAY, NEW HOPE, NEW COURAGE! LET THIS BE,
O SOUL, THY CHEERFUL CREED! WHAT'S YESTERDAY
WITH ALL ITS SHARDS, AND WRACK, AND GRIEF, TO THEE?
FORGET IT THEN, — HERE LIES THE VICTOR'S WAY.

These books of maxims and condensed moral observations cannot be read consecutively without fatigue. It is the mind distilled and fixed in all its sugar; one cannot take much of it at once. SAINTE-BEUVÉ (*Prologue*)

JANUARY

Janus am I,—oldest of potentates,
Forward I look and backward and below.
I count as god of avenues and gates—
The years that through my portals come and go.
I block the roads and drift the fields with snow,
I chase the wild-fowl from the frozen fen;
My frosts congeal the rivers in their flow,
My fires light up the hearths and hearts of men.

LONGFELLOW

JANUARY

1

GREATLY begin! though thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime,—
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.

LOWELL

2

THE higher the state of civilization the less possible is it for any one man to do a wrong thing without interfering, more or less, with the freedom of all his fellow-citizens.

HUXLEY

3

BE something definite and special, but let that something be so large, and be it in so large a spirit, that it shall tempt you on forever to infinitely greater things.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

4

A PIG may poke his nose into the trough and think o' nothing outside it; but if you've got a man's heart and soul in you, you can't be easy a-making your own bed an' leaving the rest to lie on the stones.

GEORGE ELIOT

January

5

GIVE thanks for naught if you've no more,
And having all things do not doubt
That naught with thanks is blest before
Whate'er the world can give without.

COVENTRY PATMORE

6

DULNESS is seldom acquired, it is a natural grace.

ARTHUR BALFOUR

7

CANNOT we let people be themselves? You are trying to make that man another you. One's enough.

EMERSON

8

WHEN you obtain anything yourself for half price, somebody else must always have paid the other half.

RUSKIN

9

A PUPIL from whom nothing is ever demanded that he cannot do, never does all he can.

JOHN STUART MILL

January

10

A SINGLE sparkling drop of love divine
Presses my mortal cup: to-day is mine.

11

FORTUNE comes of herself to the lionlike man who acts. It is the abject who say, "All must come from fate!" Forget fate, and be brave. If thou failest,—having put forth all thy force, the blame is not thine.

HINDER

12

WHEN a man owns himself to have been in error, he does but tell you in other words that he is wiser than he was.

POPE

13

IT is not the presence of an ideal in a nation that saves, but the fearless, strong-hearted devotion to an ideal.

W. JETHRO

14

BE not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

January

15

LET us cherish a sober mind, and take for granted that in our best performances there are latent many errors which in their own time will come to light.

GLADSTONE

16

UNLESS we learn to feel our lives essential, we shall never live them well.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

17

DETERMINED beforehand, we gravely pretend
To ask the opinion and thoughts of a friend;
Should his differ from ours on any pretence,
We pity his want of judgment and sense;
But if he falls into and flatters our plan,
Why, really, we think him a sensible man.

ANONYMOUS

18

O POWER to do! O baffled will!
O prayer and action, ye are one!
Who may not toil, may yet fulfil
The harder task of standing still,
And good but wished, with God is done.

WHITTIER

19

CONVICTION, were it never so excellent, is worthless till it converts itself into Conduct.

CARLYLE

20

ONE forgives everything to one who forgives himself nothing.

FROM THE CHINESE

21

POLITENESS is like an air-cushion, there may be nothing in it, but it eases the jolts wonderfully.

22

SEARCH thy own heart—what paineth thee
In others, in thyself may be.
All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;
Be thou the true man thou dost seek.

LOWELL

23

MOST of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.

EMERSON

24

IMPLACABLE is Love.
Foes may be bought or teased
From their intent,
But he goes unappeased
Who is on kindness bent.

THOREAU

25

MY brother ought not to have treated me so? Very true, but he must see to that. However he treats me, I am to act rightly with regard to him, for the one is my concern, the other is not.

EPICTETUS

26

BE not hasty in thy tongue, and in thy deeds slack and remiss.

ECCLESIASTES

27

CHILDREN are born to the inheritance of helplessness and dependence, and the last thing I would like to inculcate in a child would be grateful thanks for the performance of my duty towards him.

GEORGE ELIOT

January

28

ONE knocked at the Beloved's door, and a voice
Asked from within, "Who is there?" And he answered,
"It is I." Then the voice said, "This house will not hold
Me and thee;" and the door was not opened. Then went the
Lover into the desert, and fasted and prayed in solitude.
And after a year he returned and knocked again at the door,
And again the voice asked, "Who is there?" And he said,
"It is Thyself." And the door was opened to him.

FROM THE PERSIAN

29

THERE exists a law severely punishing those who criticise their ruler. The effect is that people and ministers dare not express their honest thoughts about us, and that we are thus prevented from being informed of our faults and errors. I abrogate that law.

FROM THE CHINESE (*Wante, 2d century B.C.*)

January

30

NOTHING is improved by anger except the arch of a cat's back. When a man gets his back up, he is spoiling his figure.

ANONYMOUS

31

CHOOSE well, for the days in which you have to choose are brief; but the choice is endless: the world, so long as the world lasts, will be better or worse for the way in which you decide now.

GOETHE

FEBRUARY

I love the sultry summer,
Ah, yes indeed, I love
The days when the thermometer
Is eighty-some above.
I love the frosty winter,
The time of ice and snow,
When the thermometer drops down
To fifteen points below;

And still I am not happy,
My days seem out of rhyme;
I cannot love the proper thing
At just the proper time;
For, oh! it's in the winter when
Summer seems so dear,
And winter is n't any good
Till summer-time is here.

FEBRUARY

1

TO travel hopefully is better than to arrive, and the true success is to labor.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

2

A HAPPY bit hame this auld world would be,
If men, when they're here, could make shift to agree,
An' ilk said to his neighbor, in cottage an' ha',
"Come, gie me your hand—we are brethren a'."

ROBERT NICOLL

3

I HAVE ever had in my mind that when God should cast me into such a condition as that I cannot save my life but by doing an indecent thing, He shows me the time has come when I should resign it.

ALGERNON SYDNEY
(*Written the night before his execution*)

4

CONSIDER the postage stamp. Its great characteristic is that it sticks to one thing until it gets there!

February

5

DEPEND upon it, that if a man talks of his misfortunes there is something in them not wholly disagreeable to him; for where there is nothing but pure misery, there is never any recourse to the mention of it.

DR. JOHNSON

6

. . . LOVE is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth 's unknown, although his height be taken.

SHAKESPEARE

7

TAKE Temperance to thy breast,
While yet is the hour of choosing,
As Arbitress exquisite
Of all that shall thee betide;
For better than fortune's best
Is mastery in the using,
And sweeter than anything sweet
The art to lay it aside.

LOUISE IMOGEN GUINEY

February

8

UPON John Ruskin's writing-desk
A slab of chalcedony lay,
And on it, cut in careful script,
The word "Today."

Honored of all, a wondrous man,
And held a prophet in his way,
He let "Tomorrow" bide its time,
And used "Today."

Upon the tablet of the will
How good to write, the self-same way,
Putting "Tomorrow's" uses by
The word "Today."

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

9

AND because right is right, to follow right
Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence.

TENNYSON

10

I DO not care who makes the laws of a nation if I can get out an injunction!

"MR. DOOLEY"

February

11

THE only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weathers is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience.

LOWELL (*Essay on Abraham Lincoln*)

12

THOSE who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

13

I SAY that man was made to grow, not stop,
That help he needed once and needs no more,
Having grown but an inch by, is withdrawn,
For he hath new needs and new helps to these.

ROBERT BROWNING

14

THERE 'S so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it ill becomes any of us,
To talk about the rest of us.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

February

15

A GREAT bank of darkness envelops the world. Every true teacher is a torch-bearer advancing into this darkness. You cannot add to the general illumination by extinguishing the torches of others.

CHARLES WESLEY EMERSON

16

OUT of the heart's abundance let some cheer
Be spoken while your friend hath ears to hear;
Deck, if you will, with flowers his place of rest,
But fix the sweetest on his living breast.

O. E. DAGGETT

17

NO error is harmless. If it does no other evil, we cannot reckon the injury it does by merely filling the place of truth.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

18

THE sorrowful acceptance of life's tragedies is of value only when it prompts us to guard more jealously, or to impart more freely, life's manifold benefactions.

February

19

ON bravely through the sunshine and the showers,
Time hath his work to do, and we have ours.

EMERSON

20

I AM more afraid of deserving criticism than of receiving it. I stand in awe of my own opinion.

GLADSTONE

21

AMERICA has furnished to the world the character of Washington! and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.

DANIEL WEBSTER

22

NOTWITHSTANDING it might probably in a commercial view be greatly for the advantage of America that a war should wage on the other side of the Atlantic, yet I shall never so far divest myself of the feelings of a man interested in the happiness of his fellowmen as to wish my country's prosperity might be built on the ruins of other nations.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

February

23

IF we abstain from luxuries, it should not be on any false ethical ground that luxuries in themselves are culpable, but on the real economic ground that there are not enough luxuries to go round.

WILLIAM STUART

24

WE'LL read that book, we'll sing that song,
But when? Oh, when the days are long;
When thoughts are free, and voices clear,
Some happy day within the year.
The days troop by with noiseless tread,
The song unsung, the book unread.

We'll see that friend and make him feel
The weight of friendship true as steel;
Some flower of sympathy bestow;—
But time sweeps by with steady flow,
Until with quick responsive tear,
We lay one flower upon his bier.

A. S. R.

25

O GOD, show compassion to the vicious; the virtuous are already blessed by Thee in being virtuous.

February

26

WHAT is it that has ruined Greece? Envy when a man gets a bribe; laughter, if he confesses it; mercy to the convicted; hatred of those who denounce the crime,—all the usual accompaniments of corruption.

DEMOSTHENES

27

BRIGHT February days have a stronger charm of hope about them than any other days in the year. There are no leaves on the trees and hedgerows, but how green all the grassy fields are; and the dark purplish brown of the plowed earth and of the bare branches is beautiful too. What a glad world this looks like, as one drives or rides along the valleys and over the hills!

GEORGE ELIOT

28

I'M proof against that word failure. I've seen behind it. The only failure a man ought to fear is the failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.

GEORGE ELIOT

MARCH

Only a tender little thing,
So velvet soft and white it is;
But March himself is not so strong
With all the great gales that are his.

In vain his whistling storms he calls,
In vain the cohorts of his power
Ride down the sky on mighty blasts—
He cannot crush the little flower.

Blow, blow, dark March! To meet you here,
Thrust upward from the central gloom,
The stellar force of the old earth
Pulses to life in this slight bloom.

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD (*A Snow-Drop*)

MARCH

1

IT used to cloud the sunshine
In my most hopeful mood
To see the folly of the wise,
The badness of the good.
But now when I am bluest
It almost makes me glad
To note the wisdom of the fool,
The goodness of the bad.

2

IT becomes no man to nurse despair,
But in the teeth of clenched antagonism
To follow up the worthiest till he die.

TENNYSON

3

HE who looks for applause from without, leaves his happiness in other men's keeping.

GOLDSMITH

4

STRANGE it is, somehow or other,
We are bound to make a fuss
When we notice in another
Vices that belong to us.

March

5

THAT love for one from which there doth not spring
Wide love for all is but a worthless thing. LOWELL

6

"GET thee behind me!"—the everlasting word to the tempter. Who cannot say it, dies.
EDWARD EVERETT HALE

7

THERE'S nothing kills a man so soon as having nobody to find fault with but himself. It's a deal the best way o' being master, to let somebody else do the ordering, and keep the fault-finding in your own hands. It 'ud save many a man a stroke, *I* believe.
GEORGE ELIOT

8

I'VE brought some snowdrops—only just a few,
But quite enough to prove the world awake,
Cheerful and hopeful in the frosty dew,
And for the pale sun's sake.
CHRISTINA GEORGINA ROSSETTI

March

9

IF a man will have to do only with the perfect, he must needs cast his own acquaintances first,—and then go out of the world.

10

THE basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and alter the constitutions of government. But the constitution which at any time exists, until changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all.

11

A LITTLE watchfulness over ourselves will save us a great deal of watchfulness over others.

EPICTETUS

12

"HEIGHO," yawned one day King Francis,
"Distance all value enhances.
When a man's busy, why, leisure
Strikes him as a wonderful pleasure,—
'Faith, and at leisure once is he,
Straightway he wants to be busy."

ROBERT BROWNING

March

13

FAR in the south the redwings hear and speed
To answer Nature's far-heard northern cry:
Swift from the fields they gather and take on
The burden of a journey: young and old
Swing upward to the sun as if the need
Of earth and of her comfort were gone by.
And guided by the star of memory run
Upon the trembling air; if, losing hold,
With weary wing one settle to the land;
If, sideways glancing from the flight, one see
A fairer light than hope, or faltering
Another answer to the white command
Hurled upward from the gun—yet joyfully
The happy flight speeds onward with the spring.

PHILIP HENRY SAVAGE

14

HEARD are the voices,—
Voice of the sages,
The world, and the ages.
Choose well; your choice is
Brief and yet endless.
Here eyes do regard you in eternity's stillness,
Here is all fulness, ye brave, to reward you.
Work, and despair not.

GOETHE

March

15

LOVE'S hearts are faithful, but not fond,
Bound for the first, but not beyond;
Not glad like the low-lowing herd,
Of self in other still preferred,
But they have heartily designed
The benefit of broad mankind.

EMERSON

16

IT is not enough to love others; we must let them know that we love them.

J. R. MILLER

17

EVERY man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

18

TIME brings only one regret, that we had not more joy in the things that were, more belief, more patience, more love, more knowledge of the way things work out; more willingness to work toward the final result.

JENNIE JUNE

19

WE take our share of fretting,
Of grieving and forgetting;
The paths are often rough and steep, and heedless feet may fall;
But yet the days are cheery,
And night brings rest when weary,
And somehow this old planet is a good world, after all.
Though sharp may be our trouble,
The joys are more than double,
The brave surpass the cowards, and the leal are like a wall
To guard their dearest ever,
To fail the feeblest never;
And somehow this old earth remains a bright world, after all.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

20

THANK God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues that the idle will never know.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

March

21

TO be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

22

I OPPOSE, as I would every useless fear in men, the lamentation that the feelings grow old with the lapse of years. It is the narrow heart alone which does not grow, the wide one becomes larger.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

23

THE original of the fairies sung by poets was found, and is still, among those amiable mortals who knead bread with energy, mend rents with cheerfulness, nurse the sick with smiles, put witchery into a ribbon, and genius into a stew.

CHARLES WAGNER

March

24

OUR ideals are our possibilities.

25

THE cure for the evils of modern democracy is not less, but more democracy.

SIDNEY BALL

26

THE mariner of old said to Neptune in a great tempest: "O God, thou mayest save me if thou wilt, and if thou wilt, thou mayest destroy me; but whether or no, I will steer my rudder true."

MONTAIGNE

27

SHOW me a man who has never made a mistake, and I will show you a man who has never done anything.

LEIBNITZ

28

ALL the virtues and joys of life grew up in labor; Only through labor does a human being become truly a man.

AUERBACH

March

29

A MAN looking for opportunities passed two of them on the road. Said one to the other, "What a hurry he is in! He never even noticed us!"

30

LET it be our business less to fight, or even expose error, or to criticise fault, than to disclose and manifest verity and right, and to be the evolution we preach.

BARTOL

31

WHO said that March was a scold and a shrew,
Who said she had nothing on earth to do
But tempests, and furies, and rages to brew?
Why! look at the wealth she has lavished on you!

O March that blusters, and March that blows,
What color under your footsteps glows!
Beauty you summon from winter snows,
And you are the pathway that leads to the rose.

CELIA THAXTER

APRIL

Oh, what a joy! along fresh winking rills
Creeps the young green; the swallows, many a one,
Turn their far-travelled wings, and daffodils
Are merry in the heart-reviving sun.
The wind flower and the violet o'er the hills
Find footing here and there, and every dun,
Old, dreaming bough prepares, on stem and spray,
To fling abroad the gonfalon of May.

ANNE WHITNEY

APRIL

1

A GUSH of bird-song, a patter of dew,
A cloud, and a rainbow's warning,
Suddenly sunshine, and perfect blue,
An April day in the morning.

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

2

THE best form of government is that which doth actuate and dispose every part and member of a state to the common good.

PYM

3

WE are not bidden to die for those we love: only to live for them; only to do the hundred small things that every day offers; only to be ready with truth, courage, tenderness and service.

MARGARET DELAND

4

THERE is no sort of wrong deed of which a man can bear the punishment alone; you can't isolate yourself, and say that the evil which is in you shall not spread.

GEORGE ELIOT

April

5

IT is not enough to be industrious; so are the ants. What are you industrious about?

THOREAU

6

THAT which we are we shall teach, not voluntarily, but involuntarily.

EMERSON

7

IT is not blessedness to know that thou thyself art blessed;
True joy was never yet by one, nor yet by two possessed.

Nor to the many is it given, but only to the all;
The joy that leaves one heart unblessed, would be for mine too small.

RÜCKERT (*Wisdom of the Brahmins*)

8

I BELIEVE we should so act that we may draw nearer and more near the age wherein no man shall live at his ease when another suffers.

HELEN KELLER

April

9

Look one step forward and secure that step.

Robert Browning

10

BOYS flying kites call in their winged birds,
You can't do that way when you 're flying words;
Careful with fire is good advice, we know,
But careful with words is ten times doubly so.

Will Carlton

11

OF all forms of mistake, prophecy is the most gratuitous.

George Eliot

12

THE human race is divided into two classes,—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire why it was done that way instead of another.

13

IT is indeed desirable to be well descended; but the glory often belongs to the ancestors.

Plutarch

April

14

BRING me a book whose pages teach
The fortitude the Stoics preach;
Bring me the tome within whose scope
There lies the quickening of dead hope;
Bring me the comfort of a mind
That good in every ill can find,
And of a heart that is content
With its desire's relinquishment.

"POT-POURRI"

15

EVERY man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

LOWELL

16

LET me enjoy my own convictions, nor watch my neighbor's faith with fretfulness.

ROBERT BROWNING

17

MANY a one by being thought better than he was, became better.

BENJAMIN JOWETT

April

18

WE reduce life to the pettiness of our daily living; we should exalt our living to the grandeur of life.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

19

OVERGROWN military establishments are, under any form of government, inauspicious to liberty, and are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

20

I WAS always patient with those who thought well of me, and accepted their tributes with something more than resignation.

HOLMES

21

THERE is no real wealth but the labor of man. Were the mountains of gold, and the valleys of silver, the world would not be one grain of corn richer. No one comfort would be added to the human race.

SHELLEY

April

22

IT is not the worst thing in the world to fail: the worst thing is not to try.

23

UNDER a republican form of government the individual's public duty to the state is as important as his private duty to his family.

24

COURTESY is the eye that overlooks your friend's broken gateway, but sees the rose that blossoms in his garden.

25

IF you want to be cheerful just set your mind on it an' do it. Can't none of us help what traits we start out in life with, but we kin help what we end up with.

ALICE HEGAN RICE (*Mrs. Wiggs*)

26

SOME defeats are only instalments of victory.

JACOB A. RIIS

April

27

UPON a crutch—her girlish face
Alight with love and tender grace—
Laughing, she limps from place to place,
Upon a crutch.

And you and I, who journey through
A rose-leaf world of dawn and dew,
We cry to Heaven overmuch.

We rail and frown at fate, while she
And many more in agony
Are brave and patient, strong and true,
Upon a crutch.

ROBERT LOVEMAN

28

FEAR oftentimes restraineth words,
But makes not thoughts to cease;
And he speaks best who hath the skill
When for to hold his peace.

LORD THOMAS VAUX

29

IT is a noble and beautiful thing to find ourselves growing out of our contempts.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

April

30

YOU had n't ought to blame a man for things he has n't done,
For books he has n't written, er fights he has n't won;
The waters may look placid on the surface all aroun',
An' yet there may be undertow a-keepin' of him down.

Since the days of Eve and Adam, when the fight of life began,
It ain't been safe, my brethren, fer to lightly blame a man;
He may be tryin' faithful fer to make his life a go,
An' yet his legs git tangled in the treach'rous undertow.

He may not lack in learnin' an' he may not want for brains:
He may be always workin' with the patientest of pains,
An' yet go unrewarded, an', my friends, how can we know
What heights he might 'a' climbed up to but for the undertow?

You 've heard the Yankee story of the hen's nest with a hole,
An' how the hen kep' laying eggs with all her might and soul,

April

Yet never got a settin', nor a single egg! I trow
That hen was simply kickin' 'gin a hidden undertow.

There 's holes in lots of hens' nests, an' you 've got
to peep below
To see the eggs a-rollin' where they had n't ought
to go.
Don't blame a man fer failin' to achieve a laurel crown
Until you 're sure the undertow ain't draggin' of him
down.

UNIDENTIFIED

MAY

I wandered lonely where the pine-trees made
Against the bitter wind their barricade,
And guided by its sweet
Perfume, I found within a narrow dell
Amidst dry moss and dead leaves at my feet
The trailing spring-flower, tinted like a shell.
And bending o'er it, not irreverent,
I thought of lives thus lowly, clogged and pent,
Which yet found room,
Through daily cumbering of decay and death,
To give to heaven the sweetness of their breath,
And to the earth the beauty of their bloom.

MAY

1

DAUGHTER of Heaven and Earth, coy Spring
With sudden passion languishing,
Teaching barren moors to smile,
Painting pictures by the mile,
Holds a cup of cowslip-wreaths
Whence a smokeless incense breathes.

EMERSON (*May-Day*)

2

LET us think there is some noble economy we do not understand that makes you and me as necessary for our places here on earth as Paul and Moses were for theirs.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

3

IF treated rudely, return it not, but examine yourself.

FROM THE CHINESE

4

NO one can be perfectly free, till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral, till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy, till all are happy.

HERBERT SPENCER

May

5

BLESSEDNESS is unwavering repose in the One and Eternal.

FICHTE

6

SUCH a starved bank of moss,
Till, that May-morn,
Blue ran the flash across:
Violets were born.

Sky—what a scowl of cloud,
Till, near and far,
Ray on ray split the shroud:
Splendid, a Star!

World—low it walled about
Life with disgrace,
Till God's own Smile came out:
That was thy face!

ROBERT BROWNING

7

STRENGTH goes when purpose goes; and our unconsecrated powers may be bound with any cords that men may choose to bring.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

May

8

TO persevere in one's duty and to be silent is the first answer to calumny.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

9

THE ship may sink
And I may drink
A hasty death in the bitter sea;
But all that I leave
In the ocean grave
Can be slipped and spared—no loss to me.

CHARLES G. AMES

10

"EVEN this will pass over!" was the proverb which the wise Solomon gave to an Eastern prince, who desired from him such a motto as would make the soul strong in misfortune, and humble in prosperity.

11

MANY a man's reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.

ELBERT HUBBARD

May

12

OF all the potencies for moulding life, human personality is the greatest. Through the influence of man upon man, if at all, is to be wrought the world's salvation.

H. B. ALEXANDER

13

I COUNT this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod,
To a purer air and a broader view.

J. G. HOLLAND

14

A SOLDIER is a man whose business it is to kill those who never offended him, and who are the innocent martyrs of other men's iniquities.

SHELLEY

15

NOT only around our infancy
Doth heaven with all its splendors lie:
Daily with souls that cringe and plot
We Sinais climb and know it not.

LOWELL

May

16

DO not believe that all greatness and heroism are in the past. Learn to discover princes, prophets, heroes and saints among the people about you. Be assured they are there.

THOMAS DAVIDSON

17

THE ideal life is sober, practical truth, none other than men's normal life as we shall one day know it.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

18

MODERN education needs to be permeated with the sense of social obligation.

WILLIAM JEWETT TUCKER

19

KNOW Nature's children all divide her care;
The fur that warms a monarch warmed a bear.
While man exclaims, "See all things for my use!"
"See all for mine!" replies a pampered goose;
And just as short of reason he must fall
Who thinks all made for one, not one for all.

POPE

May

20

MEN are wise in proportion, not to their experience, but to their capacity for experience.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

21

THE mind of a bigoted person is like the pupil of the eye: the more light you throw into it the more it contracts.

22

THOUGH cloud and storm encompass thee,
Be not afflicted nor afraid,
Thou knowest the shadow could not be
Were there no sun beyond the shade.

ALICE CARY

23

THE student's supreme lesson is to grapple with great public questions, to keep his mind hospitable to new ideas and new views of truth, to restore the finer ideals that are lost sight of in the struggle for wealth, and to promote justice between man and man.

HELEN KELLER

May

24

WHEN we ask God to direct our steps we must be ready to move our feet.

25

HE does not really believe his own opinions who dares not give free scope to his opponent.

WENDELL PHILLIPS

26

WE are not the keepers of truth: truth is our Keeper. Hatred of error is never so strong, or so wise, or so noble, as love of truth.

CHARLES G. AMES

27

EVEN in a palace life may be well led.

MARCUS AURELIUS

28

THOUGHTS that great hearts once broke for, we Breathe cheaply in the common air.

May

29

ONE man when he has done a service to another is ready to set it down as a favor conferred. Another, not ready to do this, still in his own mind thinks of the man as his debtor, and knows what he has done. A third, in a manner, does not even know what he has done; he is like a vine that has produced grapes and seeks nothing more, having produced its proper fruit.

MARCUS AURELIUS

30

AND oh, the buttercups! that field
O' the cloth of gold, where pennons swayed,
Where France set up his lilied shield,
His oriflamme,

And Henry's lion-standard rolled;
What was it to their matchless sheen,
Their million, million drops of gold
Among the green!

JEAN INGELOW

31

ARE you in earnest, seize this very minute,
What you can do, or think you can, begin it.

GOETHE

JUNE

Upon the breast of smiling June
Roses and lilies lie,
And round her yet is faint perfume
Of violets just gone by.

Green is her gown with 'broidery
Of blossoming meadow grass,
That ripples like a flowing sea
While winds and shadows pass.

Her breast is belted by the blue
Of succory, like the sky,
And purple heart's-ease clasp her too,
And larkspur growing high;

Laced is her bodice green with vines,
And dew the sun has kissed
Jewels her scarf that faintly shines
In folds of morning mist!

The buttercups are fringes fair
Around her small white feet,
And on the radiance of her hair
Fall cherry blossoms sweet;

The dark laburnum's chains of gold
She twists about her throat:
Perched on her shoulder, blithe and bold,
The brown thrush sounds his note!

And blue of the far dappled sky,
That shows at warm, still noon,
Shines in her softly smiling eye—
Oh! who's so sweet as June?

MARGARET DELAND

JUNE

1

AH, happy day, refuse to go!
Hang in the heavens forever so!
Forever in mid-afternoon,
Ah, happy day of happy June!
Pour out thy sunshine on the hill,
The piney wood with perfume fill,
And breathe across the singing sea
Land-scented breezes, that shall be
Sweet as the gardens that they pass,
Where children tumble in the grass!

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

2

OH, the little more, and how much it is!
And the little less, and what worlds away!
How a sound shall quicken content to bliss,
Or a breath suspend the blood's best play,
And life be a proof of this!

ROBERT BROWNING

3

CONVEY thy love to thy friend, as an arrow to the mark, to stick there; not as a ball against the wall, to rebound back to thee.

FRANCIS QUARLES

June

4

HE that fights to recover freedom exercises a lawful right. Insurrection becomes just. There is no crime like the crime against the freedom of the peoples.

MIRABEAU

5

THIS is what we have to fear more than anything to-day,—not a loss of the intensity of industry, but a loss of the nobility of industry.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

6

WHEN you conquer your enemy by force, his better part remains unconquered.

FROM THE CHINESE

7

WHAT we call tact is the ability to find, before it is too late, what it is that our friends do not desire to learn from us. It is the art of withholding, on proper occasions, information which we are quite sure would be good for them.

SAMUEL MCCHORD CROTHERS

June

8

NOTHING is politically right which is morally wrong.

DANIEL O'CONNELL

9

FORM is good, but not formality. Refuse not to be informed, for that shows pride or stupidity. Neither despise nor oppose what thou dost not understand.

WILLIAM PENN

10

IF you only love each other
Never will your love be blest,
Those who love the world together
Love each other best.

11

THE only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he give himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away, but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.

LOWELL

June

12

HE is happy whose circumstances suit his temper, but he is happier who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

13

THEY should be first among all who contribute most by their labor to the good of all.

MAZZINI

14

GIVE me the avow'd, the erect, the manly foe,
Bold I can meet,—perhaps may turn his blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,
Save, save, oh! save me from the *Candid Friend!*

GEORGE CANNING

15

NO matter how poor I am; no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling; if the sacred writers will enter and take up their abode under my roof, I shall not pine for intellectual companionship.

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING

June

16

OUR spirits discourse spiritual facts, as truly as the senses discourse physical facts.

CHARLES G. AMES

17

I SHALL consider that liberty as very equivocal in her appearance which has not wisdom and justice for her companions, and does not lead prosperity in her train.

18

NEVER falter; no great deed is done
By falterers who ask for certainty.
No good is certain, but the steadfast mind,
The undivided will to seek the good;
'T is that compels the elements, and wrings
A human music from the indifferent air.

GEORGE ELIOT

19

WE measure the degree of civilization, not by accumulation of the means of living, but by the character and value of the life lived.

FROM THE CHINESE

June

20

HE that knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool—shun him;
He that knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple—teach him;
He that knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep—rouse him;
And he that knows, and knows that he knows, is a wise man—follow him.

FROM THE ARABIC

21

"THERE is none like to me," says the cub,
In the pride of his earliest will,
But the jungle is large, and the cub he is small,
Let him think and be still.

KIPLING

22

"A SOFT answer turneth away wrath," which utterly vanishes before a humorous retort.

23

SELF-REVERENCE, self-knowledge, self-control,—
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.

TENNYSON

June

24

STRENGTH of character may be said to consist of two things,—power of will and power of self-restraint. It requires two things for its existence,—strong feelings and strong command over them, and hence composure is often the highest result of strength.

25

IF wisdom's ways you wisely seek,
Five things observe with care,
To whom you speak, of whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

26

COMMERCIAL prosperity is only a curse if it be not subservient to our moral and intellectual progress; our prosperity will conquer us if we do not conquer our prosperity.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS

27

IT does n't agree with my constitution to do good —I prefer to be good.

THOREAU

June

28

YOU would better make up your mind to accept what you cannot alter. You can live a beautiful life in the midst of your present circumstances.

J. R. MILLER

29

HALF the charm of people is lost under the pressure of work and the irritation of haste. We rarely know our best friends on their best side; our vision of their noblest selves is constantly obscured by the mists of preoccupation and weariness.

HAMILTON W. MABIE

30

AN engine that expends all its steam in whistling has nothing left with which to turn wheels. All that we can save in noise we gain in power.

CHARLES WAGNER

JULY

The robin sings, as of old, from the limb,
The cat-bird croons in the lilac bush.
The rich milk-tingeing buttercup
Its tiny polished urn holds up,
Filled with ripe summer to the edge,
The sun in his own wine to pledge.

LOWELL

JULY

1

THERE 'S a good time coming, boys,
A good time coming,
War in all men's eyes shall be
A monster of iniquity.
Nations shall not quarrel then,
To prove which is the stronger;
Nor slaughter men for glory's sake;—
Wait a little longer.

CHARLES MACKAY

2

NO man is good enough to govern another man without his consent. Our reliance is in the love of liberty, which God has implanted in us; our defence is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

3

THE Declaration of Independence calls certain truths "self-evident." But they are not at all evident to minds that are preoccupied with selfish theories of society, or with a low estimate of human nature.

CHARLES G. AMES

July

4

IT is important, likewise, that habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres; avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another.

The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

5

"MY Angel, his name is Freedom,—
Choose him to be your king;
He shall cut pathways east and west,
And fend you with his wing."

EMERSON

6

O MAN! who art the Universe in little, cease for a little from thy absorption in loss and gain. Take one draught from the hands of Him who offers the cup of creation to thy lips; and so free thyself from the cares of this world and anxiety about another.

OMAR KHAYYÁM

July

7

YOU say unless a man shall work
Right earnestly and never shirk,
He may not eat. Now look, the change is small,
And yet the truth is plain to see,
Unless man eats, and frequently—
He cannot work at all.

CHARLOTTE PERKINS STETSON

8

EVERY human soul that comes within your power to love and help belongs to you.

MARY LOWE DICKINSON

9

LEARN by a mortal yearning to ascend
Toward a higher object; love was given,
Encouraged, sanctioned, chiefly for that end.

WORDSWORTH

10

HAPPINESS comes not from the power of possession, but from the power of appreciation.

H. W. SYLVESTER

July

11

WHO has little, to him who has less, can spare;
And thou, Cyndyllan's son! beware
Ponderous gold and stuffs to bear,
To falter e'er thou thy task fulfil,
Only the light-armed climb the hill.

EMERSON

12

LET us not burden our remembrances with heaviness that's gone.

SHAKESPEARE

13

SUPREME is he whose wit meets every need,
And good is he who wise advice will heed;
But he that cannot teach, and will not learn,
He is a fool that no man's wage should earn.

HESIOD

14

HOW constantly one is misled by the assumption that incontestible proofs will change men's opinions! Where there exists strong prepossessions, no amount of evidence produces any effect.

HERBERT SPENCER

July

15

AN aspiration is a joy forever, a possession as solid as a landed estate.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

16

WHILE my desire to explain myself in private ears has been quelled, the habit of getting interested in the experience of others has been continually gathering strength, and I am really at the point of finding that this world would be worth living in without any lot of one's own. Is it not possible for me to enjoy the scenery of the earth without saying to myself, "I have a cabbage garden in it"?

GEORGE ELIOT

17

THE greatest pleasure I know is to do a good deed by stealth, and have it found out by accident.

CHARLES LAMB

18

WE cannot afford to treat those who are dear to us as if they were culprits whose weakness we have some special commission to punish.

July

19

DO not think you are bringing in the kingdom of God because you have drawn up a petition, and have obtained signatures for it, asking other people to go to work about it, while you spend your summer at Newport.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

20

LET me live in my house by the end of the road,
When the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish,—so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
And be the friend of man.

SAM. WALTER FOSS

21

LOVE seeketh not itself to please,
Nor for itself hath any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a heaven in hell's despair.

WILLIAM BLAKE

July

22

SO what signifies wishing and hoping for better times? We may make these times better if we bestir ourselves.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

23

THE correct principle is, that women are not only justified, but exhibit the most exalted virtue, when they enter on the concerns of their country, of humanity, and of their God.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

24

LAWS of changeless justice bind oppressor with oppressed,
And close as sin and suffering joined, we march to fate abreast.

WHITTIER

25

THE supreme need of our age is not that we should pay less respect to things seen and temporal, but vastly more to things unseen and eternal.

CHARLES G. AMES

July

26

COERCE no one; do not seek to proselyte. To dominate the spirit of another is an immoral action.

CHARLES WAGNER

27

WE cannot be saved separately: we must be saved all together.

TOLSTOI

28

IF humble, next of thy humility beware,
And lest thou shouldst be proud of such a grace, have care.

TRENCH

29

AS life through simplicity becometh more pleasant, so as I erewhile began to say, becometh it more innocent and better.

MONTAIGNE

30

IN counsel it is well to see dangers, and in execution not to see them, except they be very great.

BACON

July

31

IF a thousand plans fail, be not disheartened; as long as your purposes are right, *you* have not failed.

THOMAS DAVIDSON

AUGUST

There's a wonderful country, lying
Far off from the noisy town,
Where the wind-flower swings,
And the veery sings,
And the tumbling brooks come down;
'T is a land of light and of laughter,
Where peace all the woodland fills:
'T is the land that lies
'Neath the summer skies
In the heart of the happy hills.

The road to that wonderful country
Leads out from the gates of care;
And the tired feet
In the dusty street
Are longing to enter there;
And a voice from that land is calling
In the rush of a thousand rills,—
"Come away, away,
To the woods to-day,
To the heart of the happy hills."

Far away in that wonderful country,
Where the skies are always blue,
In the shadows cool,
By the foaming pool,
We may put on strength anew;
We may drink from the magic fountains
Where the wine of life distils;
And never a care
Shall find us there,
In the heart of the happy hills.

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT

AUGUST

1

BUTTERCUP nodded and said "good-bye,"
Clover and daisy went off together,
But the fragrant water-lilies lie
Yet moored in the golden August weather.

CELIA THAXTER

2

HOW justly and thoroughly we shall comprehend the nature of a thing—especially of a human thing—depends on our patience, our fairness, lovingness, what strength soever we have.

CARLYLE

3

A MAN, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair.

4

LET young and old be as one body; their joys and sorrows as of one family. Let the instructed lead the way by example. Let the unity of the Empire extend to myriad countries, and spread harmony through the world.

FROM THE CHINESE (*Sacred Edict*)

August

5

SEARCH thine own heart. What paineth thee
In others, in thyself may be.

WHITTIER

6

IN this life duty and power are inseparable, and the measure of what we owe is what we are and can do.

7

HAST thou named all the birds without a gun?
Loved the woodrose, and left it on its stalk?
At rich men's tables eaten bread and pulse?
Unarmed, faced danger with a heart of trust?
And loved so well a high behavior
In man or maid, that thou from speech refrained,
Nobility more noble to repay?
O be my friend, and teach me to be thine.

EMERSON

8

THE best rose-bush, after all, is not that which has the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest roses.

HENRY VAN DYKE

August

9

I 'M older 'n you, an' I 've seen things an' men,
An' my experience—tell ye wut it 's ben.
Folks thet worked thorough was the ones thet thriv.
But bad work follers ye ez long 's ye live;
You can't get rid on 't; jest ez sure ez sin,
It 's allers askin' to be done agin.

LOWELL

10

" JUSTICE, not charity," is a cry dear to workingmen.

SOCIAL SERVICE

11

IT will not do to turn our whole existence into a prudent suspense. We must be ready to say promptly and firmly: Yes, this is right, and that is wrong.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

12

AN imperturbable demeanor comes from perfect patience. Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

August

13

WE are told that when Jehovah created the world, he saw that it was good. What would he say now?

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

14

EVEN those who have greatness thrust upon them will do well to lay the burden down, now and then, and congratulate themselves that they are not altogether answerable for the conduct of the universe, —or at least not all the time.

HENRY VAN DYKE

15

INDEPENDENCE and self-respect are essential to happiness, and these are never attained together without work.

J. G. HOLLAND

16

REST is not quitting the busy career;
Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere.

'T is loving and serving the highest and best!
'T is onward! unswerving, and that is true rest.

August

17

THE wise man always throws himself on the side of his assailants. It is more his interest than it is theirs to find his weak point.

EMERSON

18

OF your philosophy you make no use if you give place to accidental evils.

SHAKESPEARE

19

MAKE it your habit not to be critical about small things.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

20

A FACE well furnished out by nature and a little disciplined has a great deal of rhetoric in it.

JEREMY COLLIER

21

GOOD breeding is a guard upon the tongue; the misfortune is that we put it on and off with our fine clothes and visiting faces, and do not always use it where it is most wanted,—at home.

GLADSTONE

August

22

THERE 'S always love that's caring,
And shielding and forbearing,
Dear woman's love to hold us close and keep our hearts in thrall;
There's home to share together
In calm or stormy weather,
And while the hearth-flame burns, it is a good world, after all.
The lisp of children's voices,
The chance of happy choices,
The bugle sounds, the hope and faith, through fogs and mists that call;
The heaven that stretches o'er us,
The better days before us,
They all combine to make this earth a good world, after all.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

23

THIS only grant me, that my means may be
Too low for envy, for contempt too high.

Acquaintance I would have, but when't depends
Not on the number, but the choice of friends.

ABRAHAM COWLEY

August

24

WHAT 'S kept at home you cancel by a stroke,
What's sent abroad you never can revoke.

HORACE

25

ALL good conversation, manners and action come from a spontaneity which forgets usages, and makes the moment great.

EMERSON

26

TO close people's mouths is more dangerous than to dam the torrent.

FROM THE CHINESE

27

GOD said, "I am tired of Kings;
I suffer them no more;
Up to my ear the morning brings
The outrage of the poor.

"I will divide my goods,
Call in the wretch and slave;
None shall rule but the humble,
And none but Toil shall have."

EMERSON

August

28

THE wind blew over the barley, the wind blew over the wheat,
Where the scarlet poppy tossed her head, with the bindweed at her feet;
The wind blew over the great blue sea, in the golden August weather,
Till the tossing corn and the tossing waves showed shadow and gleam together.

The wind blew over the barley, the wind blew over the oats,
The lark sprang up to the sunny sky, and shook his ringing notes
Over the wealth of the smiling land, the sweep of the glittering sea.
"Which is the fairest?" he sang, as he soared o'er the beautiful rivalry.

And with a fuller voice than the wind, a deeper tone than the bird,
Came the answer from the solemn sea, that Nature, pausing, heard:
"The corn will be garnered, the lark will be hushed, at the frown of the wintry weather,
The sun will fly from the snow-piled sky, but I go on forever!"

"ALL THE YEAR ROUND"

August

29

WHICHEVER way the wind doth blow
Some heart is glad to have it so.
Then blow it east, or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best.

CAROLINE ATHERTON MASON

30

IT is not without reason that fame is awarded only after death. The dust-cloud of notoriety, which follows and envelops the men who drive with the wind, bewilders contemporary judgment.

LOWELL

31

WHO shall dare let his incapacity for hope or goodness cast a shadow upon the courage of those who bear their burdens as if they were privileges?

HELEN KELLER

SEPTEMBER

Graceful, tossing plume of glowing gold,
Waving lonely on the rocky ledge;
Leaning seaward, lovely to behold,
Clinging to the high cliff's ragged edge;

Burning in the pure September sky,
Spike of gold against the stainless blue,
Do you watch the vessels drifting by?
Does the quiet day seem long to you?

Up to you I climb, O perfect shape!
Poised so lightly 'twixt the sky and sea;
Looking out o'er headland, crag, and cape,
O'er the ocean's vague immensity.

Up to you my human thought I bring,
Sit me down your peaceful watch to share.
Do you hear the waves below us sing?
Feel you the soft fanning of the air?

How much of life's rapture is your right?
In earth's joy what may your portion be?
Rocked by breezes, touched by tender light,
Fed by dews, and sung to by the sea!

Something of delight and of content
Must be yours, however vaguely known;
And your grace is mutely eloquent,
And your beauty makes the rock a throne.

Matters not to you, O golden flower!
That such eyes of worship watch you sway;
But you make more sweet the dreamful hour,
And you crown for me the tranquil day.

CELIA THAXTER

SEPTEMBER

1

WOULDST me with benefactions move,
Unmoved thyself? Friend, let me lack!
I'll pauper it for naught but love,
And even that I'll pay thee back.

COVENTRY PATMORE

2

MEN will talk of little things and great things, as if they knew what things were little and what things were great!

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

3

TO be bright and cheerful often requires an effort; there is a certain art in keeping ourselves happy. In this respect, as in others, we require to watch over and manage ourselves almost as if we were somebody else.

LUBBOCK

4

I LONG to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty and joy to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble.

HELEN KELLER

September

5

MY life has been devoted to arms, yet I look upon war at all times and under all circumstances as a national calamity, to be avoided if compatible with the national honor.

ZACHARY TAYLOR

6

HE who feeds men serveth few,
He serves all who dares be true.

EMERSON

7

AH, but—Ah, but, all the same,
No mere mortal has a right
To carry that exalted air,
Best people are not angels quite,
While—not the worst of peoples' doings scare the devils.

ROBERT BROWNING

8

THERE 'S nothing but what 's bearable as long as a man can work—and the best o' working is, it gives you a grip hold o' things outside your own lot.

GEORGE ELIOT

September

9

THE supreme service of the man who is "beyond" is not in isolated statement or achievement, but to work as leaven on the collective spirit, leaving his life record in an organic uplift of the whole social stratum in which he lived and wrought.

10

THEY might not need me,
Yet they might;
I 'll let my heart be
Just in sight.

A smile so small
As mine, might be
Precisely their
Necessity.

EMILY DICKINSON

11

FUTURE and Past no richer secret folds,
O friendless Present, than thy bosom holds.

12

I CAN'T talk much maybe, but God helping me,
I can hold my tongue.

September

13

VIRTUE alone outbuilds the Pyramids,
Her monuments shall last when Egypt's fall.

YOUNG

14

WE half command our fates; the rest but lies
In that last drop which unknown powers fling in.

THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON

15

A FALSE system has for accomplice whoever spares it by silence.

VINET

16

JUSTICE to all and favors unto none,
If we would hold the laurels we have won;
Nor mould our country to the old world's creed
That crushes thousands to uphold the one.

When we shall own the brotherhood of man,
Justice to all and not to one in ten,
Freedom for all under a common law,
Will war and discord cease, and not till then.

FRANCIS LISTER HAWKS

September

17

THE surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be; and if we observe we shall find that all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and expression of them.

SOCRATES

18

THE honest, earnest man must stand and work,
The woman also; otherwise she drops
At once below the dignity of man,
Accepting serfdom. Free men freely work.
Who fears God, fears to sit at ease.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

19

THE true rule for meeting strangers: meet them a little bit more than halfway.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

20

IT is the abject servility which is bred by the military spirit that has made a standing army the standing threat of liberty.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS

September

21

WHEN opportunity knocks, do not wait for it to break in your door.

22

MANY an irritating fault, many an unlovely oddity, has come of a hard sorrow, which has crushed and maimed the nature just when it was expanding into plenteous beauty.

GEORGE ELIOT

23

ENOUGH I reckon wealth
A mean, the surest lot
That lies too high for base contempt,
Too low for envy's shot.
To rise by other's fall
I deem a losing gain;
All states with other's ruin built
To ruins run amain.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL

24

WHAT I am and what I think are conveyed to you in spite of my efforts to hold it back.

EMERSON

September

25

THOU art but one
Of this dense throng, through time still hast'ning on,
Thy blood with theirs is warm,—how canst thou slake
Thy thirst when their lips parch, or rightly see
With twilight misting round thee?
Thy brethren are not saved except in thee;
Nor thou, save in their health, their joy, their sight,
Hast any lasting peace, or heavenly light.

ANNE WHITNEY

26

I AM aware that the age is not what we all wish, but I am sure that the only means to check degeneracy is heartily to concur in whatever is best in our time.

EDMUND BURKE

27

GREAT is the condition of a man who lets rewards come if they will, or fail to come, but goes on his way, true to the truth, simply because it is true, strongly loyal to the right for its pure righteousness.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

September

28

THERE may be a fight worth fighting, my friend,
Though victory there be none;
And though no heaven be ours at the end
Still we may steer straight on;
And though nothing be good, and nothing be bad,
And nothing be true to the letter,
Yet a good many things are worse, my lad,
And one or two things are better.

LONDON SPECTATOR

29

THE worst failures we have ever seen have been scored by men whom the world has called successful.

THE COMMONER

30

TRULY, they who know all still know nothing if the strength of love be not theirs; for the true sage is not he who sees, but he who, seeing the farthest, has the deepest love for mankind. He who sees without loving is only straining his eyes in the darkness.

MAURICE MAETERLINCK

OCTOBER

A hush has fallen o'er the Autumn days,
The white sail noiseless steals away from shore;
Blue seas spray silverly with mellowing rush
On rocks steeped through with sunshine. All the woods,
That meet the happy pathways of the fields,
Find death a rapture, pouring through their veins
The draught none save immortals can endure.
And oh! the sky! those heights on heights of blue,
Seen through the arches and gold-fretted domes
Of lofty elms, how beautiful! They raise
Thoughts writ in fire, drenching the heart with love.

HELEN LEE CAREY

OCTOBER

1

O ZEUS our King, whatever is good, do Thou to us vouchsafe; but when we foolishly ask what is ill, avert it from us, and refuse our prayer!

PLATO

2

PUSH on and make the toil intense,
Nor think of recompense.
Rejoice! 'T is thine the radiant right to live,
To love and give.
Rejoice! Upon thy life of toil
Thy sons shall rise a man's height from the soil.

FRED LEWIS PATTEE

3

LIFE is hardly respectable—is it?—if it has no generous, guaranteeing task, no duties or affections, that constitute a necessity of existing. Every man's task is his life-preserver.

EMERSON

4

IT is impossible to exaggerate the unimportance of *things*.

October

5

THE maxim, *In time of Peace, prepare for War*, is transmitted from distant ages, when brute force was the general law. It is the child of suspicion and the forerunner of violence.

CHARLES SUMNER

6

I CANNOT in the valley stay;
The great horizons stretch away,
The very cliffs that wall me round
Are ladders unto higher ground.

To work, to rest, for each a time;
I toil, but I must also climb.

LUCY LARCOM

7

SHUT your mouth and open your eyes,
And you'll need nothing to make you wise.

CYNIC'S CALENDAR

8

NOTHING is so fatal to conversation as an authoritative utterance.

SAMUEL MCCHORD CROTHERS

October

9

MOST strange and terrible that wretched proverb about the "wild oats," which expects men to be bad before they can be good, which robs men of the joyous first chance, and only hopes for them the dogged and desperate second chance. Let us hate it with all our hearts!

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

10

A FARM or an office are not places to make crops or money, but men. All the little things about our daily toil are the framework and scaffolding of our spiritual life.

HENRY DRUMMOND

11

IT is my service to think how I can best fulfil the demands that each day makes upon me, and to rejoice that others can do what I cannot.

HELEN KELLER

12

FOR inability to comprehend and retain the import of a book, I know of but one remedy: read less and think more of what thou hast read.

FROM THE CHINESE (*Chu-hi*)

October

13

MISHAPS are like knives that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle.

LOWELL

14

CHANGE is the winged child of God;
Lay off if need each cherished good,
And thus renew the noble blood;
As Nature gently puts away
Her sweetest shows—her Fall—her May.

ANNE WHITNEY

15

ALL dust is frail, all flesh is weak—
Be thou the true man thou dost seek.

WHITTIER

16

WHATEVER your occupation may be and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.

CHARLES ELIOT NORTON

October

17

IF on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice:

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask,—
Room to deny ourselves; a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

JOHN KEBLE

18

HOW sweet and gracious even in common speech
Is that fine sense which men call courtesy!
Wholesome as air, and genial as the light,
Welcome in every clime as breath of flowers,
It transmutes aliens into trusting friends,
And gives its owner passport round the world.

JAMES T. FIELDS

19

ONE trouble with some of us is that we think we could do another person's work better than we ever do our own.

October

20

TO-DAY is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole, we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time.

21

TO make our word or act sublime we must make it real.

EMERSON

22

LEARN how to refrain from doing, and let the people of themselves find the right way. Let them alone that they may have a mind for good.

FROM THE CHINESE (*sixth century B.C.*)

23

I THINK you will find that people who honestly mean to be true really contradict themselves much more rarely than those who try to be "consistent."

HOLMES

October

24

WHATEVER may lie beyond us,
The lesson this earth has to give
Is, learn how to love divinely,
And then you have learned to live.

ANONYMOUS

25

THERE is an idiom in truth which falsehood can never imitate.

ALFRED HEMENWAY

26

THE least flower with a brimming cup may stand,
And share its dewdrop with another near.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

27

IF thou hast Yesterday thy duty done,
And thereby cleared firm footing for Today,
Whatever clouds may dark Tomorrow's sun,
Thou shalt not miss thy solitary way.

GOETHE

October

28

THERE is little need of trying to paint the still, warm, misty, dreamy Indian summer in words; there are many states that have no articulate vocabulary, and are only to be reproduced by music.

HOLMES

29

IT is a sad weakness in us, after all, that the thought of a man's death hallows him anew to us; as if life were not fated too,—as if it were comparatively a light thing to fail in love and reverence to the brother who has to climb the whole toilsome steep with us, and all our tears and tenderness were due to the one who is spared that hard journey.

GEORGE ELIOT

30

STRONGER than steel
Is the sword of the spirit;
Swifter than arrows
The light of the truth is;
Greater than anger
Is love, and subdueth!

LONGFELLOW

31

THE hopes that lost in some far distance seem,
May be the truer life, and this the dream.

ADELAIDE A. PROCTER

NOVEMBER

Who said November's face was grim?
Who said her voice was harsh and sad?
I heard her sing in woodpaths dim,
I met her on the shore, so glad,
So smiling, I could kiss her feet—
There never was a month so sweet!

LUCY LARCOM

NOVEMBER

1

IF there be a just God, then woe betide the rulers and statesmen who load the industry and labor of the toiling millions with standing armies and great navies. Let us ring out the age of bully, and ring in the age of the golden rule.

ALVA ADAMS

2

HE that meddles mars; he that grasps loses. . . . The true man's desire is not to feed his desires, and not to seek great things. He aims to help all men to their freedom, and is careful not to intermeddle therewith by overdoing.

FROM THE CHINESE (*Lae-tse, sixth century* B.C.)

3

WHEN I reflect how little I have done,
And add to that how little I have seen,
Then furthermore how little I have won
Of joy, or good, how little known, or been,
I long for other life more full, more keen,
And yearn to change with such as well have run—
Yet reason mocks me—nay, the soul, I ween,
Granted her choice, would dare to change with none.

JEAN INGELOW

November

4

IT never troubles the sun that some of his rays fall wide and vain into ungrateful space, and only a small part on the reflecting planet. Thou art enlarged by thine own shining.

EMERSON

5

WHEN hospitality, which sometimes entertains angels unawares, drops into mathematical give and take, the chains of slavery can be heard rattling under the table.

MARGARET DELAND

6

WHAT'S a man's age? He must hurry more, that's all;
Cram in a day what his youth took a year to hold:
When we mind labor, then only we're too old.

ROBERT BROWNING

7

'TIS through our sympathies, not through our modes of expression, that heaven and earth talk to us. 'T is the fine soul that serves.

EMERSON

November

8

THE day returns and brings us the irritating round of petty concerns and duties. Give us to perform them with laughter and kind faces. Help us to play the man. Give us to go blithely about our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds at night, weary and content and undishonored; and in the end grant us the gift of sleep.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

9

TO overcome the present with a heart that looks beyond—is triumph!

LOWELL

10

THE sky is low, the clouds are mean,
A travelling flake of snow
Across a barn or through a rut
Debates if it will go.

A narrow wind complains all day
How some one treated him;
Nature, like us, is sometimes caught
Without her diadem.

EMILY DICKINSON

November

11

I AM not concerned that I have no place: I am concerned how I may fit myself for one. I am not concerned that I am not known: I seek to be worthy to be known.

CONFUCIUS

12

I FIND earth not gray, but rosy,
Heaven not grim, but fair of hue.
Do I stoop? I pluck a posy.
Do I stand and stare? All's blue.

ROBERT BROWNING

13

AYE, as we live, Life's song is better sung,
Aye, as we live, Life's lyre more tuneful strung,
The blind receive their sight, the dumb their tongue;
Aye, as he grows, God's child becomes more young.

ANNIE FIELD

14

SOME circumstantial evidence is very strong—as when you find a trout in the milk.

THOREAU

November

15

THE greatest of all good gifts is a sincere friend that will remonstrate with you, pointing out faults that need amendment.

16

WANT is a growing giant whom the coat of Have was never large enough to cover.

EMERSON

17

GUARD within yourself that treasure kindness. Know how to replace in your heart, by the happiness of those you love, the happiness that may be wanting in yourself.

FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER

18

I WOULD not wish nor fear my fate;
But boldly say each night,
"To-morrow let my sun his beams display,
Or in clouds hide them—
I have lived to-day."

ABRAHAM COWLEY

November

19

THE basis of political economy is non-interference. The only safe rule is found in the self-adjusting metre of demand and supply. Do not legislate. Meddle, and you snap the sinews with your sumptuary laws.

EMERSON

20

WAIT not the morrow, but forgive me now:
Who knows what fate to-morrow's dawn may bring?
Let us not part with shadow on thy brow,
With my heart hungering.

Perhaps some day I may redeem the wrong,
Repair the fault—I know not when or how.
O dearest, do not wait—it may be long—
Only forgive me now.

ANONYMOUS

21

DO not sacrifice everything to utility. We sometimes fell the last green tree for the sake of raising an extra hill of potatoes, and never stop to think about what a barren, ugly place we may have to sit in while we eat them!

HENRY VAN DYKE

November

22

WHEN will talkers refrain from evil speaking?
When listeners refrain from evil hearing.

23

BE trembling, fearful;
Be careful night and day;
Men trip not on mountains,
They trip on ant-hills.

24

THIS seems a world of trying each other's dispositions, rather than of enjoying each other's virtues.

MARY MOODY EMERSON

25

FOR God's good earth and all it holds—Thanksgiving—
For God's good care, which us enfolds—Thanksgiving!
For health and strength and love and cheer—Thanksgiving!
And may we know another year the joy of living!

November

26

MAN is his own star: and the soul that can
Render an honest and a perfect man
Commands all light, all influence, all fate,
Nothing to him falls early, or too late.

BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER

27

OF all wit's uses, the main one
Is to live well with who have none.

EMERSON

28

THE truly great never look down: they are already kneeling, and must look up.

29

OVER the snow and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go:
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!

November

It stings the toes and bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground like a hunting hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,
And straight through the barn-yard gate,
We seem to go extremely slow—
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

LYDIA MARIA CHILD

30

WHO wrongs another clouds his own sun.

DECEMBER

Winter white is coming on,
And I love his coming;
What though winds the fields have shorn,
What though earth is half forlorn—
Not a berry on the thorn—
Not an insect humming;
Pleasure never can be dead,
Beauty cannot hide her head!
Look! in what fantastic showers
The snow flings down his feathered flowers,
Or whirls about in drunken glee,
Kissing his love, the holly tree.
Behold! the sun himself comes forth,
And sends his beams from south to north,
To diamonds turns the winter rime,
And lends a glory to the time.

BARRY CORNWALL

DECEMBER

1

REJOICE, be ever young,
Let only song of hope and joy be sung.
For fellowman toil on, nor look behind;
Look up amid the strife
To that serener life,
And guidance find.
Be brave! The brave heart dares,
Beats down the bar of Fate and onward fares,—
Right onward fares to nobler domes than these,
To wider harbors and to safer seas.

FRED LEWIS PATTEE

2

IF I can feel sympathy, feel it within and without, then the dew falls, and the desert begins to bloom. By sympathy I do not mean merely a fellowship in sorrow, but also, and no less truly, a fellowship in joy.

HENRY VAN DYKE

3

INDEED, we meant well—the world would be a pleasant place to live in if we could also remember that most everybody else means well too!

MARGARET DELAND

December

4

IN this busy life, the first blessing is health; the second is work, whether enforced or chosen.

5

DEAL with evil as though it were a sickness.

FROM THE CHINESE (*Shoo King*)

6

OFTEN does it happen that a man who is engaged in the noblest work needs to be reminded that the cause is holier than himself.

HENRY VAN DYKE

7

ITERATION, like friction, is likely to generate heat instead of progress.

GEORGE ELIOT

8

FRIENDSHIPS that have stood the test
Of time and change are surely best;
Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray—
Friendship true knows no decay.

December

9

A BAD year cannot prove a cause of death to him whose stores of grain are large. An age of corruption cannot confound him whose equipment of virtue is complete.

MENCIUS

10

THE voyage of the Mayflower was not across the Atlantic, but across the centuries; not three months long, but is still in progress; and that awkward crew is still teaching the world how to sail through the storm, and fog, and hunger, and disdain and death, to the distant, shining countenance of God.

11

IT is in the prevalent selfishness of culture that its greatest weakness lies; for there is no real strength in anything that is devoid of moral purpose.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

12

BEWARE! what proceeds from you will return to you again.

December

13

THE greatest man in this great world
Is he who sees all things are going right,
Yet fights as though all things were going wrong.
Nothing so rankles in the heart of God
As to see lips fresh come from prayer for grace
Refusing justice.
To what man has a right,
He has a right because he is a man,
And not because he is a kind of man.

14

THE optimist frantically repudiates egotism. "If I quarrel," she says, "it is only because I know that I am right; it is principle with me!"

MARGARET DELAND

15

AND still we walk the desert sands,
And still with trifles fill our hands,
While ever just beyond our reach
A fairer purpose shows to each;
The deeds we have not done, but willed,
Remain to haunt us, unfulfilled.

A. G. R.

December

16

REPUTATION is the veil; character is the fact behind the veil. . . . It is reputation, not conscience, that makes cowards of us all.

HORACE TRAUBEL

17

IN transactions between fellowmen, it is well to consider a little, in the first place, what is fair and kind towards the person immediately concerned, before we spit and roast him on behalf of the next century but one.

GEORGE ELIOT

18

THERE are none of the social goods that may not be purchased too dear, and mere amiability must not take rank with high aims.

EMERSON

19

THE soul touched by God must have something of God's solitude to gather up its strength, to develop, to enter into one-ness with God, to be prepared to help the world.

MARY A. LIVERMORE

December

20

AH, little recks the laborer
How near his work is holding him to God,
The loving Laborer through space and time.

WALT WHITMAN

21

THE mob, its wrath, its aid,
Learn gently to despise.
At first they cannonade,
At length they canonize.

22

GIVE praise to others, early come or late,
For love or labor on one ship of state;
But this must stand above all fame or zeal;—
The Pilgrim Fathers laid the rib and keel.
On their strong lines we base our social health,
The man—the home—the town—the commonwealth.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

23

FOOLED thou must be, though wisest of the wise;
Then be fool of virtue, not of vice.

FROM THE PERSIAN

December

24

AS fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still:
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.

THACKERAY

25

HOW far from here to Heaven? Not very far, my friend;
A single hearty step will all thy journey end.
Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn.

FROM THE GERMAN

AH! Would the heart but be a manger for the birth,
God would once more become a child of earth.

A. C. L.

26

WHAT the world needs to-day is more Puritanism, the presence of the sense of duty and the presence of God, and the everlasting presence of the ideal in the lives of men, in the lives of nations, and in the life of humanity, of which we make a part.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

December

27

JUST as absolutism is capable of perfecting a more efficient machinery of government than a democracy, so one person, working alone, may produce more positive results in the way of immediate accomplishment than many working together. The passion of democracy is that the people, all the people, shall find self-expression and share responsibility; the faith of democracy is that the ultimate expression of collective government will infinitely transcend any partial class expression; that the ultimate rule of "all the people" will have in it the sanity and justice of God. In the end, the expression of the collective spirit and the collective sense is more far-reaching and effective than any individual accomplishment.

28

O VANISHED years!
What memories of silent tears,
Of happy hours too dearly bought,
Are in our lives inwrought.

O coming years!
With gentle touch allay our fears,
And fill our lives with calm repose
To beautify the close.

H. H. A.

December

29

CHERISH friendship in your breast,
New is good, but old is best;
Make new friends, but keep the old,—
Those are silver, these are gold.

30

TO live a life of changing circumstance, with great life-long friendships running through it from end to end—that is the lot of the highest privilege.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

31

WHAT boots it to repeat
How time is skipping underneath our feet,
Unborn to-morrow and dead yesterday—
Why fret about them if to-day be sweet?

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